



Provincial committee to be formed to manage Leyte Sports Development Centre

TACLOBAN CITY – A committee would be set up by the provincial government of Leyte that would handle the management and maintenance of the newly rehabilitated Leyte Sports Development Center.

This after the fanfare and sports activities in Leyte 's hosting of the Palarong Pambansa from April 27 to May 2, Gov. Carlos Jericho Petilla said.

The governor who visited the site prior to the EVRAA opening last March 29 said that whatever the province has invested on the area is something that would stay at least ten years into the future and even more, if properly maintained.

He mentioned that rehabilitating the province-owned sports center is not seen only as far as the Palaro hosting.

"We actually have a plan for the Grandstand even before. But what a better opportunity to repair it with the hosting of a big event such as Palaro," Gov. Petilla disclosed.

The plan, he added, is to make the area a venue for university sports, regional meets and other important events in the future that would need a vast area for accommodation.

"I consider the location of the Grandstand as a university belt with all the schools and universities surrounding it. These schools yearly hold sporting event. That alone, and all the other events that may happen in the future would benefit from this venue," the governor said.

To do this, however, the governor added there would a committee to be formed by the province that would run the area and regulate its use.

He likewise said that with the new venue, athletes from around the area and nearby municipalities of the province can make use of a sports facility that is of national, if not, international standard.

The Leyte Sports Development Center already has an oval laid with first coating of rubber, an Olympic-size swimming pool filled to the brim and nearing completion, while other areas already set for the other ball games.

The bleachers, comfort rooms and other infrastructures inside the Grandstand have also been freshly painted and readied as seen during the inspection.

The area is ready for the opening ceremonies of the regional sports gathering and would be completely ready for the weeklong Palaro to start on April 27 with the opening ceremonies to be held on April 28 with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo as the honored guest for the national games.

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